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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC AND SAFETY FOR THE INTENSIVE PROBATION SUPERVISION FOR HIGH-RISK FELONY AND REPEAT DUI OFFENDER**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

#### **SUBJECT**

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department (Probation) is requesting that your Board authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles to continue funding the DUI (Driving under the influence) Program currently established in the Pomona Valley area.

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding estimated at \$265,000 from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) for the Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI Offender Program.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute any agreements, amendments, related documents, or extension with the California Office of Traffic Safety.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept grant funding from the Office of Traffic and Safety for the Intensive Probation Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI Offender program.

Probation's allocation is \$265,000, covering October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. The funds will be accepted following your Board's approval. This grant funding will be used to continue the DUI Program currently established in the Pomona Valley area. The grant funds will be utilized to continue Probation's efforts to help reduce the number of alcohol-related traffic accidents by increasing the supervision of current caseloads for probationers with multiple DUI convictions in the Pomona Valley area.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The recommended actions support the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal 1: Operational Effectiveness: Provide public with quality information and service that are both beneficial and responsive and Goal 5: Public Safety.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Probation's allocation is estimated at \$265,000 over a one-year period, commencing October 1, 2010 through September 31, 2011. There is no net County cost (NCC) match requirement.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In December 2005, the County of San Diego Probation Department (CSDPD) applied for the State OTS grant targeting DUI offenders on probation entitled "the California Probation Adult Felony and Repeat DUI Offender Program." The grant application was submitted on behalf of 17 county probation departments, including the County of Los Angeles. CSDPD was the lead agency on the grant and served as the grant administrator.

The purpose of the grant funds was to help reduce the number of alcohol related traffic accidents by maximizing the ability to supervise caseloads for probationers with multiple DUI convictions. Due to the large number of DUI cases, Probation targeted the Pomona Valley area in the County of Los Angeles. On June 29, 2006, your Board adopted a resolution to support Probation's participation in the California Probation Adult Felony and Repeat DUI Offender Program.

Probation's allocation for this program was \$1,764,046 over a three-year period, commencing June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2009.

In November 2007, OTS released a grant application for the DUI Enforcement Program. Probation submitted its application to OTS on January 31, 2008.

On May 28, 2008, OTS approved Probation's funding request in the amount of \$962,559 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2010. On November 12, 2008, your Board adopted a resolution to support Probation's participation in the DUI Enforcement Program.

Funding for this program is currently being used to continue the established services in the Pomona Valley area.

Current program services include:

- Intensive supervision and enforcement including different levels of reporting requirements
- Alcohol, breath and drug testing,

- Monitoring of treatment participation, home visits, and use of electronic monitoring techniques and devices
- Sobriety Checkpoints

In December 2009, OTS released the Federal Fiscal Year 2010 grant application for the Supervision for High-Risk Felony and Repeat DUI Offender Program. Probation submitted its application to OTS on January 28, 2010.

On June 25, 2010, OTS tentatively approved Probation's funding request for the Federal Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Probation intends to continue funding the program currently established in the Pomona Valley area for the period commencing October 1, 2010 through September 31, 2011.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The OTS funds will allow Probation to continue its current DUI-related services in the Pomona Valley area.

Respectfully submitted,



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